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NOTICE1

Pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act", <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 10:4-6 <u>et seq</u>, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board") hereby gives notice of a Public/Stakeholder Meeting being attended by the Board's Commissioners regarding:

THE POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF A
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT CHARGE (DSIC)
FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES
BPU Docket No. WO10090655

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 10 a.m.
Multi-Purpose Room
44 South Clinton Avenue, First Floor
Trenton, NJ

and

Monday, March 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority 401 North Virginia Avenue Atlantic City, NJ

The Board is soliciting input on the need and appropriateness of allowing regulated water and wastewater utilities to implement a Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC"). For the purpose of this proceeding, a DSIC is a mechanism that would allow a water or wastewater utility to use a clause to recover the costs of certain non-revenue producing infrastructure improvements based on self-implementing filings submitted to the Board.

Specifically, the Board seeks comments on, but not limited to, the following issues:

- Whether there is a demonstrated need for a DSIC in New Jersey at this time.
- If a DSIC were to be implemented, whether it should apply to both water and wastewater utilities.

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- If a DSIC were to be implemented, the type of infrastructure to be included; the methodology to be used in the computation of the DSIC charge; and the appropriate level and timing of the DSIC mechanism.
- If a DSIC were to be implemented, whether an earnings test should be utilized in the context of a DSIC.
- If a DSIC were to be implemented, whether interest on over/under recoveries should be paid/charged to ratepayers.

While a court reporter will be present to transcribe the comments, this is not a formal public hearing. This is an informal stakeholder process designed to solicit input from members of the public.

Written comments can be emailed, in Microsoft Word Format, until Monday, April 4, 2011 to: rule.comments@bpu.state.nj.us – please include the phrase "DSIC Comments" in the subject line. In addition to or in lieu of verbal comments, comments can also be sent to my attention at: Board of Public Utilities, Two Gateway Center, Suite 801, Newark, NJ 07102 postmarked no later than April 4, 2011 – please include the phrase "DSIC Comments" in the subject line.

Kristi Izzo

Secretary of the Board

Dated: March 2, 2011